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Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

Kansas City is one of the few communities in Missouri serviced by two separate cable television and Internet providers, Comcast and Time Warner Cable ("TWC").

I am writing to express my support for the proposed transaction between these companies. In several ways, Comcast has outperformed TWC and this merger will unquestionably deliver better and faster services to our Kansas City constituents.

One specific benefit that I would like to see available throughout my district is "Internet Essentials". Internet Essentials is Comcast's program to expand Internet access to low-income families. It's a good example of the private sector partnering with communities to make progress. The program allows qualified families to purchase home Internet service for only \$9.95 per month. It also includes free digital skills training, and the option to purchase a heavily-subsidized computer. I want all Kansas City residents to have access to these options, and Comcast has pledged to expand this program to the TWC areas it acquires.

On top of Internet Essentials, Comcast has an exceptional history of underwriting technology-based essentials in education. This type of investment, if it were available throughout Kansas City, would expose more students to digital advancement opportunities. For example, Comcast's Digital Connectors program has equipped community computer labs with top notch technology. It has also supported training in simple and advanced digital literacy skills to thousands of young adults in U.S. cities. That kind of initiative has the capability to close the digital divide that is as much a worry in Kansas City as it is anywhere.

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This merger between Comcast and Time Warner Cable will benefit Kansas City families and students alike. I hope that the Commission will approve this transaction expeditiously.

Sincerely,

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Jason R. Holsman
Missouri State Senate – 7th District
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